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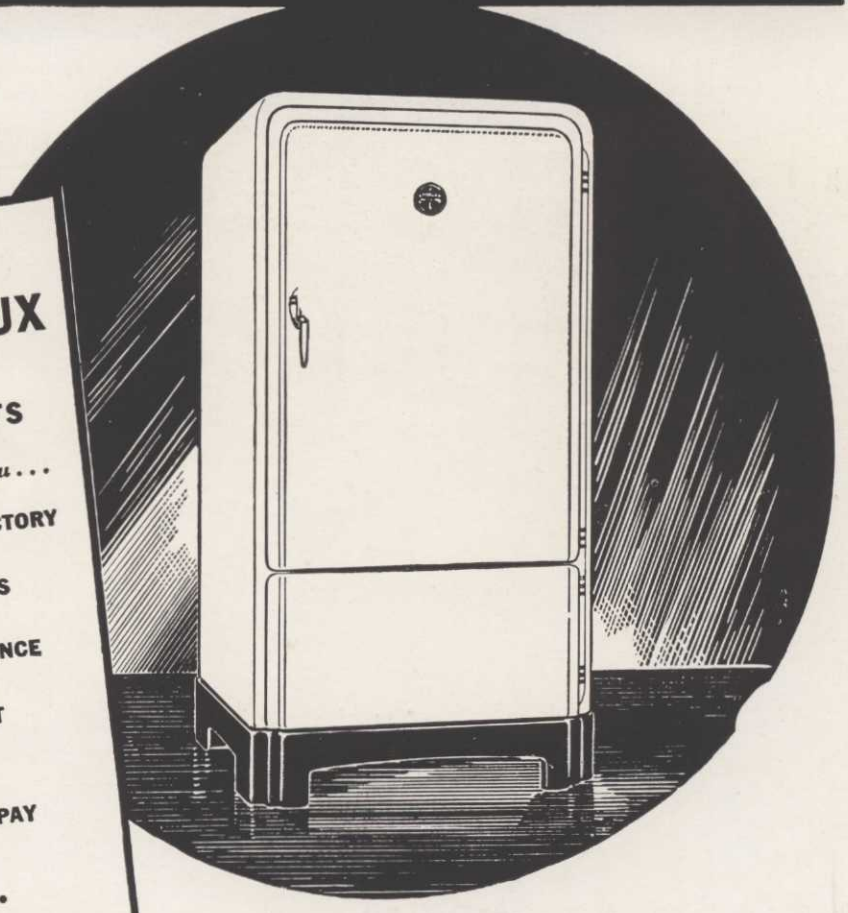

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Gary Drill Team Third in National Tourney

Resume Training This Year; Set New York World's Fair as Goal in 1939

National honors for Gary and its fire department were won by a team, captained by Assistant Chief John Stapleton, last Labor Day, when the first national fire fighters' tournament was held on Soldiers' Field in Chicago.

Members of Drill Team—First row, left to right—Assistant Chief John Stapleton, captain; Lieut. Harry Kolb, John McCracken, David Cahill, Thomas Dunleavy, Capt. Widin Maryanovich; Rear row—Alfred Key, Russell Ballard, Arthur Graham, Frank Pirillo, Don Earley and John Massa.

Competing against the best teams in the nation, the Gary representatives succeeded in placing third, despite the fact that they had only a short time to train and then had to use equipment of the Chicago drill school.

Eighty thousand spectators applauded the evolutions of the Gary team and many highly favorable comments were also voiced on their appearance in the grand parade which preceded the schedule of ten evolutions.

Chief Thomas Clune has declared his intentions of continuing the drill work this year, and hopes, in 1939, to compete in the international tournament being planned for the world's fair in New York city.

Chief Clune said that every member of the department will be eligible to compete for a place on the team. Last year a score of men entered the elimination preliminaries. A team of eight men was chosen with four substitutes.

This year, Chief Clune expects the number of preliminary tests to be much greater, and hopes to extend the drills over a much longer period of time so that Gary may not only defend its third place rating but possibly better its enviable record this year.

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The People's Mayor Faces New Year with Confidence

With three years of achievement as his record of public service as Gary's leader, Mayor L. B. Clayton is entering the fourth year of his first term with confidence.

In a New Year's message to city firemen, city employees and the citizens of Gary, Mayor Clayton said:

"I am gratified that the city's finances are in good shape. The city's business is now conducted on a cash basis, and we are inviting all merchants and business men supplying the city's needs to bring their bills in at the end of the month and they will be paid.

"Our equipment at the city barns, in the sewage department, in the police and fire departments has been rehabilitated. We have replaced old hose with new equipment, that was badly needed.

"I am also happy that it has been possible to restore this year cuts that were made in depression years in salaries of policemen and firemen, and am also gratified that other city employees are receiving raises in pay."

Due to the sound business basis upon which Mayor Clayton has conducted the affairs of the city, his achievements have been accomplished without financial inconvenience to the taxpayer. In fact, the city's tax rate has been lowered two years in succession.

MAYOR L. B. CLAYTON

In 1937, the city tax rate was cut from $1.09 to $1. In 1938 the rate has been further lowered from $1 to 95 cents.

When Mayor Clayton took office, city employees were being paid in "script" and even those payments were uncertain. Confidence was immediately restored, when Mayor Clayton carried out his campaign pledge of cash paydays for city employees when they fell due.

He has not only met the city pay rolls as promised, but he has balanced the city budget, restored Gary's financial rating so that bonds for which formerly there were no market now bring a premium, rehabilitated the equipment of vital departments, and provided Gary with its best municipal administration.

Although Mayor Clayton has fulfilled all obligations to his party, he has faithfully been a representative of all of the citizens. He has frequently been referred to as "the first democratic mayor since 1913." Actually, Mayor Clayton has been the true representative of all the citizens of Gary.

The citizens of Gary soon will have the opportunity of rewarding a true leader for his conscientious efforts in their behalf.

Chief in City's Service for Quarter of Century

Joining the Gary fire department when it had only 22 members, Chief Thomas Clune will have completed a quarter of a century of service for the city on March 19, 1938. The present personnel is 128.

In the time Chief Clune has been on the force he has handled every job. He was first assigned to No. 1 station. His first promotion came within three years, when he was

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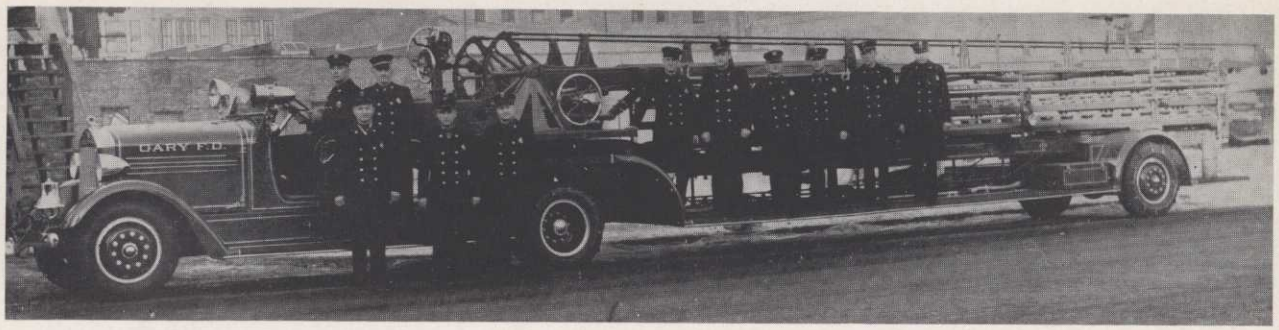


Obsolete Equipment Being Replaced

Gary's fire equipment is being rapidly brought up to national standards of efficiency without increasing the Steel City's tax rate. In fact, in the last two years the municipal tax levy has been reduced 14 cents.

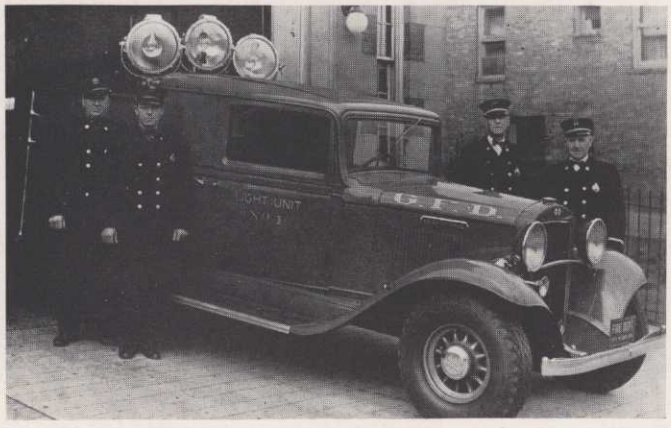
Equipment added in the last three years, under the progressive administration of Mayor L. B. Clayton, includes a new pumper, aerial ladder truck and high pressure unit. Other obsolete equipment also will be replaced as conditions warrant. Hundreds of feet of new fire hose also has been purchased to protect property and lives.

Both the new pumper and new aerial truck has been assigned to No. 1 station. Chief Thomas Clune said that the department now has eight pumpers, four ladder trucks, a hose truck, a high pressure unit and a light wagon—15 pieces of apparatus, in all. The old pumper engine, formerly at No. 1 station, is being completely overhauled by Mechanic John McCracken and soon will go in service at No. 4 colored station, which formerly has been equipped only with a hose truck.

The Magirus truck, also being overhauled, is to be housed at Ambridge (No. 8) station and will move into the business district whenever there is a fire of any consequence. Chief Clune said that four men will be assigned to the Magirus truck at No. 8 to make runs with the regular engine company. The hose truck also will be available when needed.

Under his program of efficiency, Chief Clune revealed that soon the city will never be jeopardized by a fire through a breakdown in equipment.

"It will be possible," he said, "to provide supplementary equipment at a station whenever it is necessary to take any piece of apparatus out of service temporarily



TOP OF PAGE—New No. 1 aerial truck.—Seated at wheel is Michael "Ziggy" Miller and beside him Lieut. Pat Mulloy; on truck, left to right, Fred Keck, John Mullen, John Frankovich, Andrew Kormos, Rudolph Zandall, George Haburjak, James Walker, Charles Norkett and David Cahill.

AT UPPER LEFT—Light Unit, quartered at No. 2 Station.—Left to Right—In background, Lieut. Joseph Shirk and Capt. Robert McQuire; beside truck, Anthony Pauer and Paul Berkau.

LOWER LEFT—High Pressure truck, stationed at No. 3 station.—At wheel, Roy Reynolds; beside him, Capt Charles Henke; on back running board, Lieut. Otto Schultz; left to right, Joseph Zaleski, Casimir Linkowski, George Kleppel and William Asbel.

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for repairs. Such an arrangement will bring Gary's fire department up to its highest level of efficiency and dependability.

He added that it is hoped to soon take some progressive step in bringing the alarm system equipment up to standards that prevail in the department. Until this is done, lower fire insurance rates are unlikely. Ten years ago, the fire alarm system still in use was declared obsolete and action taken to replace it. However, conditions in the depression nullified these efforts and the city still has the same inadequate alarm system that was ruled out half a decade ago.

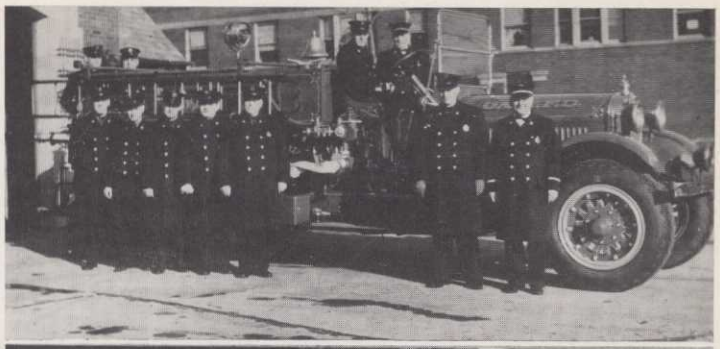
The new equipment also will make it possible for Chief Clune to improve the protection system of companies moving from their home stations into those nearer the higher-valued business district when there is more than one fire.

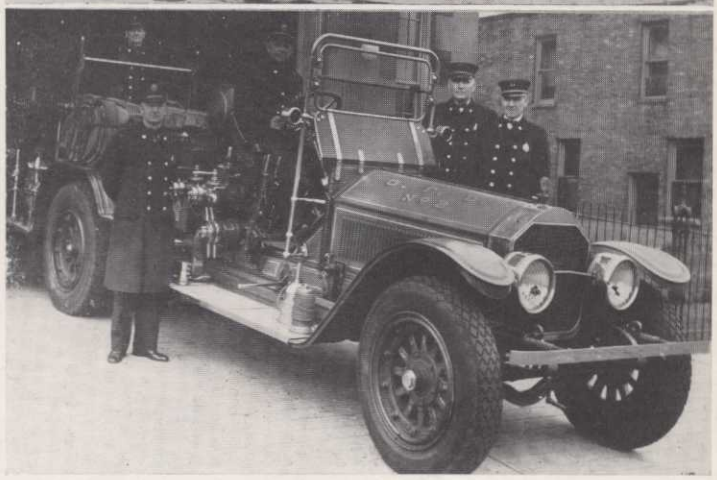
The new aerial truck, located at No. 1 headquarters station, has a 75-foot aerial ladder, 270 feet of service ladders, a three-way siamese and high pressure pipe.

The new engine truck, also at No. 1 station, has the latest and most modern equipment and replaces the engine which has been overhauled for service at No. 4 station.

The high pressure unit, housed at Tolleston (No. 3) station, has two high-pressure pipes each with three-way siamese connections, accommodating six lines. The apparatus also carries 1,500 feet of hose. The high-pressure unit moves in on all big fires and is for the purpose of stopping fires that get beyond control. It connects with a regular pumper engine and is used to stop the spread of flames.

The light unit is located at No. 2 station. It is a truck equipped with three 50-watt





No. 8 ENGINE—(Top photo)—At wheel, Walter Laws with Capt. Charles Brown; on rear step, Joseph Honzel and Edward Wilson; standing, left to right, Thomas Dunleavy, Glenn Cook, John Fisher, Frank Bocca, George Vahlert, Oscar Billings and Lieut. Frank Matthews.

No. 2 ENGINE—(Lower photo)—At wheel, Homer Ouderkirk; on running board, Lieut. Patrick Egan and Capt. Robert McGuire; on rear steps, Mike McTigue, and standing, Arthur Rine.

No. 5 TRUCK—At wheel, Charles McQuillin with Capt. Joseph Adler; on back running board, Lieut. Nick Turanek; standing, George Koeckenberg, William Lawrence and Mike Maravich.

No. 7 ENGINE—At wheel, Charles Gray with Capt. John Nicholson and Lieut. George Harbaugh; standing on rear running board, Murdell Fisher and Robert Pearson; left to right, in foreground, Louis Glab, Raymond Coon, John Clark, Peter Magdos and Noble Smith.

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lights; two floodlights and a searchlight. Current is supplied by the unit's own generator, operated independently of the automobile motor. Also, there is a 500-foot submarine cable and extensions. Where firemen formerly were forced to work in the dark, the light wagon furnishes illumination at serious fires where it has been necessary to cut off electrical service.

Frequently, the lights have been used at public gatherings during a failure of the city lighting system.

Chief Clune declared the service is at disposal of the public for gatherings and during emergencies in hospitals.

"Recently," Chief Clune pointed out, "the city electrical system failed and it was necessary to do two surgical operations by flashlight. It is my intention to offer service of the light wagon to the heads of the hospitals."

In the first 11 months of 1937, according to official fire department reports, apparatus traveled a total of 4,108 miles. There were 140,525 feet of hose laid and 4,470 feet of ladder raised.

Alarms during the year are below previous years and this is attributed by Chief Clune to his system of inspections and a program of prevention. Gradually, the public is being educated to the fundamental causes of fires and by their co-operation the needless loss is being greatly reduced.

Top Photo—No. 3 ENGINE—At wheel, George Klippel with Capt. Charles Henke; on running board, Lieut. Otto Schultz; left to right, Fred Henke, William Berthold, William Asbell, Casimir Linkowski, and Roy Reynolds.

Second Photo—No. 2 TRUCK—At wheel, John Szabo; Lieut. Joseph Shirk on far running board, beside him, Capt. Phillip Czarnecki; standing, left to right, Otto Wahley, Bert Zajac, Alfred Key, Paul Berkau, Martin O'Brien, Theodore Hodges.

Third Photo—No. 6 Engine—At wheel, Clark Short; beside him, Lieut Oscar Olson; on running board, Michael King and Conley Smith; standing, left to right, William Forster, James Jennings, George Pollock, Don Earley and Thomas Dunleavy.

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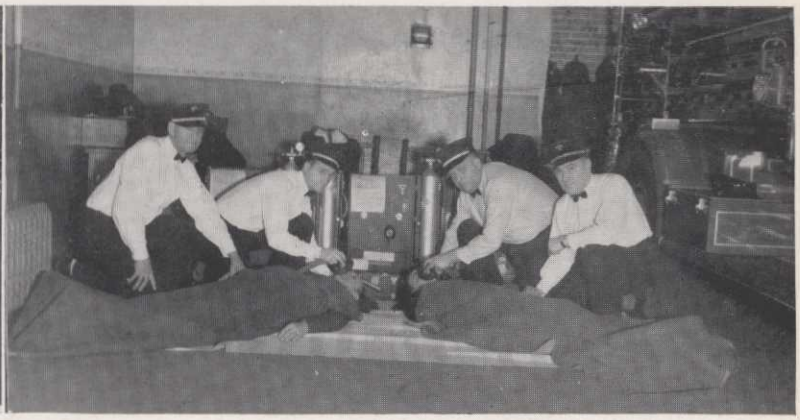


INHALATOR SQUADS—Picture at left shows two inhalators, tannic acid equipment, and first aid supplies, while one at right shows demonstration of resuscitation methods. In the pictures, left to right, are Assistant Chief Fred Fogo, Lieut. Harry Kolb, Lieut. Claude Holmes and Assistant Chief John Stapleton.

Inhalator Squads Save 40 Lives

Rapidly growing in importance as a vital service of the Gary fire department is life saving work, particularly that of the inhalator squads.

During 1937, through Dec. 17, the department responded to a total of 56 inhalator calls and succeeded in resuscitating 40 persons. As indication of the increasing demand for this service is the fact that, in 1935, there were 21 calls and 12 lives saved. In other words, the work of the inhalator squad has tripled in two years.

Statistics put the economic value of an individual at $50,000. Thus, in Gary, the lives saved by the inhalator squads meant $2,000,000 this year to the community.

As compiled from official records, the greatest number of inhalator calls are to aid persons overcome by carbon monoxide gas from gas heaters. Eighteen of 19 persons were revived while four others, overcome by monoxide gas from automobiles, all were resuscitated. This total of 23 cases reveals that more than 40 per cent of the inhalator calls are the result of monoxide gas.

Only one of five drowning victims could be revived. This was due to the bodies having been in the water for a considerable time before the department was called and th inhalator applied.

Two persons who inhaled gas from stoves in attempts at suicide were saved and two of three poison victims were revived.

Four persons who fainted were resuscitated and two of eight heart attack victims were saved by the inhalator. The inhalator also was used successfully in five of eight medical cases. A still-born baby was revived and also a victim of a sewer case was saved.

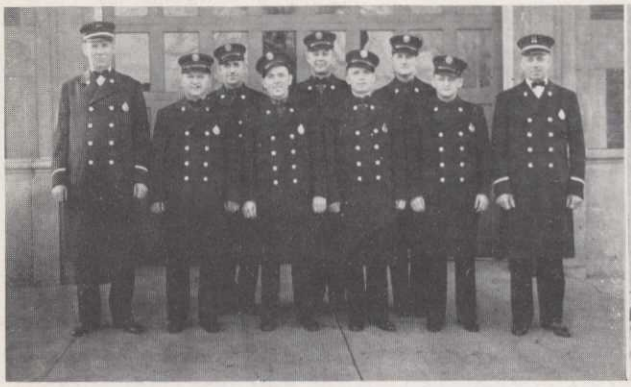
A squad worked six hours in attempting to save the life of a baby born with its respiratory system paralyzed, but the efforts were unsuccessful.

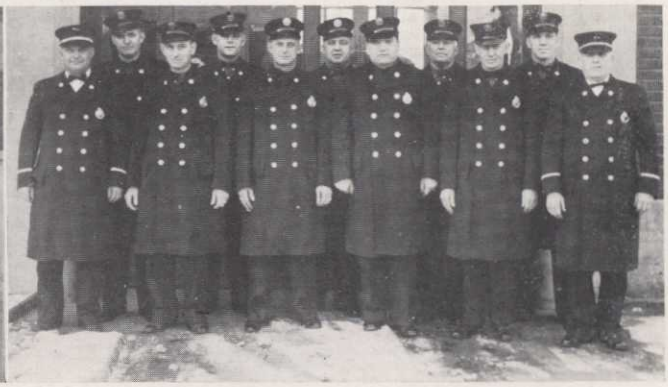
In addition to its inhalator, the department also is equipped with tannic acid sprays for the treatment of burns. Many lives have been saved as the result of prompt use of the acid.

Emergency first aid stations also are maintained at three of the outlying stations—Ambridge, No. 8; Miller, No. 7, and Glen Park, No. 5. The service is operated in co-operation with the Gary chapter of the American Red Cross. Ninety-nine of the 128 members of the department have graduated in Red Cross first aid cases.

The Gary department has long been a leader in first aid work, chiefly due to the interest of Chief Clune, who developed it during the 10 years he was assistant chief and has continued to expand its scope since taking command of the department. A team from Gary in 1935 gave a demonstration at a fire school conducted at Purdue University.

PERSONNEL OF GARY FIRE COMPANIES—Members of Gary's 11 fire companies, housed in 8 stations, Strategically located to Afford the Greatest Protection Possible, are Shown on This and Adjoining Page.





Top Left Photo—No. 3 Engine Company— Left to right, first row, Lieut. Otto Schultz, Casimir Linkowski, George Klippel, Joseph Zaleski, William Berthold and Capt. Charles Henke; second row, Fred Henke, Roy Reynolds and William Asbell.

Top Right Photo—No. 8 Engine Company— Left to right, first row, Lieut. Frank Matthews Glen Cook, John Fisher, Frank Bocca, Walter Laws, Capt. Charles Brown; second row, Oscar Billings, Joseph Honzel, Edward Wilson, George Val Pert and Patrick Dunleavy.

Upper Left—No. 7 Engine Company—Left to right, first row, Capt. John Nicholson, Peter Magdos, Raymond Coon, John Clark, Noble Smith, Lieut George Harbaugh; second row, Murdell Fisher, Charles Gray, Louis Glab and Robert Pearson.

Center Left—No. 5 Truck Company—Lieut. Nick Turanek, Charles McQuillen, Frank Parkey, Mike Maravich, George Koeckenberg, Capt. Joseph Adler.

Bottom Photo—No. 5 Engine Company—Left to right, Lieut. Harry Krietzman, James Lavorci, Louis Stafhakis, Bert Stonebrook, Ray Chart, and Capt. Widin Marayonovich; second row, Ralph Snyder, William Lawrence, Walter Kuznicki and Charles Robinson.

Assistant Chief John Stapleton and Members of No. 1 Truck Company

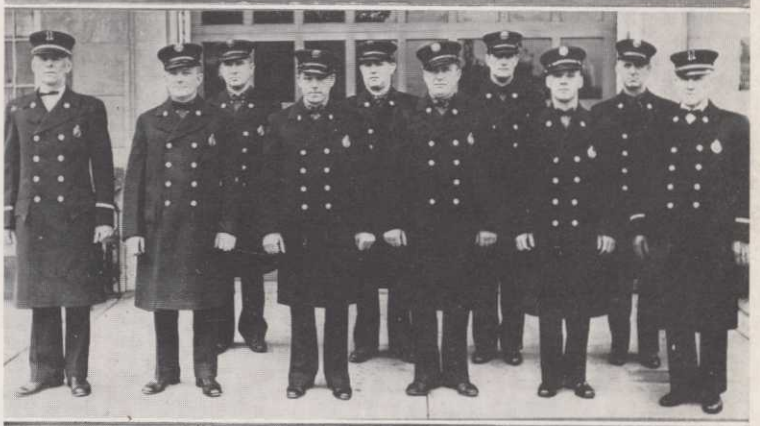
Left to right, first row, Assistant Chief Stapleton, Lieut. Patrick Mulloy, John Frankovich, James Walker, John Mullen, George Haburjak, Anthony Schneider; second row, Rudolph Zandall, Michael Miller, Charles Norkett, Richard Rine, Andrew Kormos, Fred Keck and David Cahill.

Assistant Chief Fred Fogo and Members of No. 1 Engine Company

Left to right, first row, Assistant Chief Fogo, Lieut Edgar Hollis, Henry Parduhn, William Harris, Arthur Graham, Edward Curran, Capt. Thomas King and Lieut. Claude Holmes; second row, Robert Miller, Frank Hayes, William McDonald, Sam Piazza, John Massa and Sidney Browne.

Captains and Members of No. 2 Truck Company

Left to right first row, Capt. Phillip Czarnecki, John Szabo, Paul Berkau, Anthony Pauer, Bert Zajac, Capt. Robert McQuire; second row, Alfred Key, Martin O'Brien, Theodore Hodges and Otto Wahley.



Lieutenants and Members of No. 2 Engine Company

Left to right, first row, Lieut. Joseph Shirk; George Gunderson, Mike McTigue, Earl G. Harding, John Kruck, Lieut. Patrick Egan; second row, Frank Pirillo, Paul Rukavina, Arthur Rine, Homer Ouderkirk and Roy Watts.

No. 6 Engine Company

Left to right, first row, Lieut. Oscar Olson, Michael King, Clark Short, George Pollock, James Jennings; second row, Donald Earley, Conley Smith, William Forster and Thomas Dunleavy. Capt Oscar Bramlett and Fireman Nick Providzalo were absent at time picture was taken.

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Formerly both police and fire calls were received over one switchboard, but about a year and a half ago, because of the steady increase in number of alarms received by telephone, a separate board has been maintained by the fire department. Four operators are used on the board—Mrs. Cora Fagen, Mrs. Alice Fletcher, Miss Fannie Green and Mrs. Mary Rukas. A number of firemen also are trained in handling the board so that they may take calls in an emergency. The board is connected with all of the city's eight stations.

When a person calls to report a fire, the operator inquires as to nature of the blaze. If it is a rubbish heap, automobile or something of minor nature, the operator then notifies the company in which district the fire occurs. However, if a home or building is burning, the operator hits an alarm bell three times, which calls the person in charge at all stations to the phone. The operator then gives the location and the companies respond according to districts and location.

PHONE OPERATORS—Left to right—seated, Mrs. Cora Fagen and Miss Fannie Morris; standing, Mrs. Mary Rukas and Mrs. Alice Fletcher.

On second alarms, the chief, assistant chief who is off duty, the mechanic and the inspector are notified. On third alarms, all companies are called out and one company moves into the central station to "fill in" should a fire break out elsewhere.

MRS. HELEN MOORE, Secretary to Fire Chief

CHIEF'S SECRETARY—Left—Mrs. Helen Moore has been secretary to the Chief of the Gary Fire Department since shortly after Thomas Clune took command. Her efficiency was developed through many years in public service. Her winning personality has made many new friends for the department.

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ALARM EQUIPMENT is maintained by Berlin Burnside, department electrician, who works with an employe in a similar capacity in the police department.

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TOP RIGHT PHOTO—Dining at No. 2 station—Left to right, Paul Berkau, John Szabo, Homer Ouderkirk, Martin O'Brien, John Kruck, Capt. Phillip Czarnecki, Bert Zajac, Frank Pirillo, Paul Rukavina, and Lieut. Patrick Egan.

TOP LEFT PHOTO—George Vahlert, who with Lieut. Frank "Matty" Matthews are volunteer chefs at Ambridge (No. 8) station, seasons a Thanksgiving turkey. Center photo shows Vahlert and Fireman Joe Honzel reading books in the station recreation room. The books are furnished all stations by the public library. Lower photo shows the dormitory at No. 2 station.

An 84-hour Week

A city fireman is on duty an average of 84 hours a week. He works one 24-hour shift and is off the next, so that one week he is on duty 72 hours, the other 96. In addition, he is also subject to call, on third alarm fires, even on his off days. For that reason, only a restricted number of men, though off duty, are permitted to leave the city on any one day.

However, despite these long hours, his job is not without its compensations. He is permitted to exchange days with other members of his company, so that it is possible to have several days off in succession. He also gets to sleep at the station, although he may be called out of a warm bed at any hour to fight a stubborn fire in sub-zero temperatures.

He must be up daily at 7 a. m., as the shifts change at 8. Lights are out at 11 p. m. and personal calls to stations are not permitted after that hour. He must make his own bed and do his share in keeping the station tidy and the engines spick and span.

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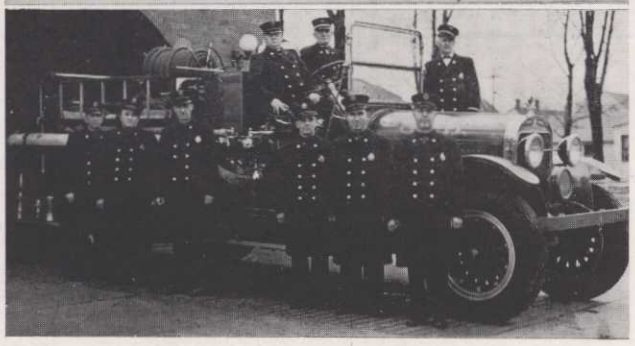

NEW No. 1 ENGINE TRUCK AND COMPANY.—(Top photo)—At wheel, Frank Hayes with Capt. Thomas King; on far running board, Robert Miller; on rear step, Sam Piazza; standing, left to right, Sidney Browne, Henry Parduhn, Arthur Graham, William Harris, Edward Kern, John Massa, Lieut. Edgar Hollis and William McDonald.

No. 5 ENGINE AND COMPANY—(Lower photo)—At wheel, Ray Chart with Capt. Widin Maryanovich; on running board, Lieut. Harry Kietzman; standing, left to right, Ralph Snyder, Walter Kuznicki, Charles Robinson, James LaVorci, Louis Stathakis and Bert Stonebrook.

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UPPER TOP RIGHT—Mechanic John McCracken at work bench at No. 8 fire station. He repairs all equipment.

CHIEF CLUNE

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named lieutenant. Two years later he became captain of No. 1 engine company.

When, in December, 1918, No. 6 station, known as the "Doll House" was opened, he became captain there.

In 1925, Chief Clune became assistant chief, and on January 1, 1935, when Mayor L. B. Clayton took office, he was elevated to chief. That the choice was a wise one is attested by the present high efficiency of the department. However, Chief Clune credits this to the individual efforts of the members of the department and the co-operation of his assistants, John Stapleton and Fred Fargo, in carrying out his policies.

A captain and lieutenant is assigned to each of the 11 companies. The officers change shifts monthly, alternating in such a manner that they work with the entire personnel of their respective company.

Bottom Photo—No. 4 HOSE CO.—At wheel, Conrad Slaughter; beside him, Capt. Wm. Hammer; on running board, Lieut. Rex Knickerbocker; members of company standing are Alfonso Holliday, John Anderson, John Whitlock, Lonnie Bolden, Emmet Barge, Congress Poole.

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